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SUBJECT: GREEK- TURKISH CONFRONTATION OVER SENTENCING OF
MUSLIM EDITOR

REF: 1. ANKARA' S 2779; 2. THESSALONIKI' S 115

1. WE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT GREEK AUTHORITIES IN KOMOTINI
AREA, INCLUDING LEGAL AND JUDICIAL, RECOGNIZE THAT SENTENCE
ACCORDED EDITOR OF MUSLIM WEEKLY (REF 2) WAS STIFF. THEY
POINT OUT IN DEFENSE, HOWEVER, THAT EDITOR (HAGI HAFUZ
ALI GALIB HASSAN) HAD TWICE BEFORE PUBLISHED INFLAMMATORY
ARTICLES IN JOURNAL AND WAS WARNED AGAINST REPETITION. SOURCES
ALLEGED FURTHER THAT ARTICLES ARE COMPOSITE BLOW- UPS OF
ISOLATED MINOR INCIDENTS BY INDIVIDUAL GREEK AUTHORITIES, SUCH
AS GENDARMES TEARING TURKISH CALENDARS AND POSTERS OFF CAFE
WALLS. GALIB HASSAN' S OBJECT, THEY CHARGE, IS TO BUILD UP LOCAL
POLITICAL BACKING AGAINST DAY WHEN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS HELD
AGAIN.

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2. SENTENCE SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW BY COURT TODAY OR TOMORROW,
AND CONSENSUS IS THAT IT WILL BE REDUCED.

3. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT NEWLY- ASSIGNED TURKISH AMBASSADOR GURUN, POSSIBLY COINCIDENTALLY, MAKING FIRST CALLS IN NORTHERN GREECE AT THIS TIME, WAS RECEIVED BY GOVERNOR ANASTASOPOULOS YESTERDAY, AN EVENT GENEROUSLY COVERED BY TODAY' S LOCAL PRESS. RECEPTION GIVEN BY TURKISH CONSUL GENERAL FOR HIM LAST EVENING ALSO WELL ATTENDED BY HIGH GREEK CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. AMBASSADOR AND MRS GURUN PROCEEDING EASTWARD TO KAVALLA- KOMOTINI- ALEXANDROUPOLIS TODAY.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY FURTHER TURKISH ATMOSPHERICS ON SUBJECT EITHER TELEGRAPHICALLY OR THROUGH ANKARA CAO GETCHELL VISITING HERE APRIL 20.
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